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Robbers In Jitney Fail As It Upsets

Two Bandits in Peril When Driver, Attacked From Rear by Passengers, Loses His Hold of Steering Wheel.

Men Escape in Confusion Following Upturning of Vehicle on Curb—Driver Too Excited to Cause Their Apprehension.

A bold attempt at highway robbery, including the boarding of a jitney at midnight near Ash Creek, the choking of the driver, E. C. Steffen, the choking of the field, into partial insensibility and the upturning of the vehicle, apparently frustrated the robbers' plans, was reported at police headquarters this morning and has resulted in city-wide search for two bandits. Though but a partial description of the two suspects was in the hands of the police, a capture is believed imminent.

Steffen, the victim of the hold-up, was so overcome by the affair that it was not until today he was able to make complete statements to the police and is now confined to his home as a result of the nervous shock he sustained.

According to his relation he had driven his car out Stratford avenue as far as Ash Creek. It was about 12:30 when he turned about with the vehicle empty. At Fox street he was stopped by a rough looking individual. A second got aboard at Brewster street.

At the following street intersection one of the passengers asked him for a match, offering by way of explanation for the request, "I have dropped something."

Steffen told the man he could not get a match as he was in a hurry. There was a conference between the men which could not be heard by Steffen. As the car approached the Fairfield avenue viaduct, the stretch of road near the Mill Coal Co., Steffen felt a severe blow upon the head, while the hands of the other man closed about his throat, choking him.

Instinct of self-preservation caused Steffen to take his hands off the steering wheel which caused the jitney to lurch into the curb and upset. The three men were entangled in the overturned car. The two assailants clambered through the rear curtain of the shielded body. Steffen ran down Fairfield avenue shouting hysterically for help. So unceremoniously was he treated that he was unable to get to his feet. He was taken to his home by pedestrians who thought him slightly demented.

The hold-up is the second coming into public print during the year, a similar having been perpetrated last summer between Walnut Beach and Bridgeport. Steffen had considerable money with him at the time which he fortunately saved.

ANGLES WILL GO OVER HONEYMOON OF 12 YEARS AGO

Marriage of Stamford Woman and Former Husband Takes Place Tomorrow.

Tomorrow morning at 9:45 o'clock in the Olivet Congregational church, Helen M. Angle will be remarried to Frank W. Angle, the husband who divorced her 12 years ago. Mrs. Angle was recently tried on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of Henry R. Ballou at Stamford.

Ballou, a retired contractor, was found dying at the foot of the stairs leading from the apartment which Mrs. Angle had in the Odd Fellows' building in Stamford. Mrs. Angle is past middle life. Mr. Ballou was a retired contractor and wealthy.

A blood-stained straw hat and blood-stained clothing said to belong to Ballou were discovered in Mrs. Angle's apartment. Ballou had a fractured skull. Mrs. Angle claimed she found him in a dying condition as the result of a fall but the state was not able to establish that Mrs. Angle was responsible for Ballou's death.

Frank W. Angle has been living at 25 John street for a number of years. When Mrs. Angle was first arrested charged with Ballou's death Angle visited her at the jail and at every opportunity he was in the court room during her trial. For a number of years previously he had not seen his divorced wife. They met one day in the court room and soon were in each other's arms in a back room. There the old romance was renewed.

After the wedding ceremony tomorrow they will go to New Milford and they will spend their second honeymoon in New Milford and the Berkshire Hills where they spent the first wedding trip.

WELDS BROOMSTICK WITH TELLING EFFECT

On the Emergency hospital chart the following record appeared this morning: "Lena Crespo of 287 Madison avenue hit by neighbor with a broomstick." She suffered a bruised back, right arm, and a black eye.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, slightly cooler Saturday. Moderate southwest and west winds.

WILSON HAS NO CASH FOR STATE TAX, \$180,737

Bridgeport Must Pay Large Interest on Assessment Due in 12 Days.

CITY WILL PAY TWO YEARS' LEVY IN ONE

Another Instance of Wilson's Mismanagement of City Finances.

Bridgeport's share of the state tax is \$180,737.23, due and payable on Nov. 10. But no provision for it has been made in the budget, and its payment must be postponed for about six months.

During this period the debt will draw interest of \$8,400, and will have to be paid in the budget of 1916, together with the state tax of 1916, which will reach close to \$200,000.

This will make a violent jump in the rate, and will require an addition of at least three mills.

The amount of state tax imposed on other cities is for Hartford, \$369,641.25; Waterbury, \$103,826.

The tax to be paid by the cities and towns of Fairfield and Litchfield counties, follow:

Fairfield County.	
Bethel	\$ 4,015.69
Bridgeport	180,737.23
Brookfield	841.63
Danbury	80,444.97
Darien	6,000.47
Easton	915.92
Fairfield	7,568.06
Greenwich	41,751.84
Huntington	9,228.60
Redding	545.89
Monroe	565.89
New Canaan	7,822.20
New Fairfield	719.91
Newtown	3,155.67
Norwalk	35,251.90
Roseland	3,455.35
Ridgefield	4,721.00
Sherman	504.29
Stamford	65,387.62
Stratford	7,228.11
Trumbull	1,313.45
Weston	995.01
Westport	6,670.20
Wilton	1,725.74
	\$419,054.58

Litchfield County.	
Barkhamsted	\$ 948.15
Bethlehem	689.49
Bridgewater	625.00
Canterbury	327.20
Colebrook	737.48
Cornwall	933.31
Goshen	780.90
Hartford	1,094.93
Kent	1,013.45
Litchfield	6,810.52
Morris	706.03
New Hartford	2,455.65
New Milford	4,969.30
Norfolk	2,195.35
North Canaan	2,443.97
Plymouth	3,518.03
Roxbury	846.77
Salisbury	3,721.42
Sharon	2,925.49
Thompson	2,455.35
Torrington	19,932.93
Warren	416.80
Washington	2,579.03
Watertown	5,560.33
Windsor	10,518.37
Woodbury	1,543.52
	\$33,128.61

COURT RULES OUT BUDLONG ATTACK ON WIFE'S BIRTH

Counsel's Claim That They Are Impertinent Sustained By Judge Case.

The part of Herbert A. Budlong's divorce cross complaint in which he claimed his wife deceived him regarding her birth status, has been ordered expunged by a decision of Judge Case in the superior court today.

Budlong, who is assistant manager of the American Graphophone Co., made certain statements regarding his wife's character and birth which attorney Jacob B. Klein, counsel for Mrs. Budlong, declared were "scandalous and impertinent."

The divorce action brought by Mary Gorham Budlong, of which Budlong's cross complaint was a part, is still pending. Mrs. Budlong alleges infidelity and cruelty and the husband makes the same charges against his wife.

Savings of Laborers Gone From Trunk Used By Landlord as "Bank"

Il-luck is pursuing Pedro Silva, a boarding house keeper at 1930 Main street. On Wednesday evening a lamp fell off a mantel-shelf in Pedro's home and a fire resulted when the table cloth and bedclothing caught fire.

Pedro sent in a call for the fire apparatus and the fire was quickly extinguished by the use of chemicals. Damage \$10.

Pedro keeps a rooming house occupied by Portuguese laborers. Instead of placing their small savings in the banks the boarders place it in Pedro's bank, which consists of a large steamship trunk. The total amount of savings was inventoried by Pedro Thursday morning and it was found intact. One of the depositors wanted to draw a few dollars the night after the fire, Thursday, and on going to the "bank" Pedro discovered that the "bank account" totaling \$43, was missing.

NAVAL OFFICERS ON INSPECTION OF LAKE PLANT

Notables Visit Bridgeport Submarine Construction Plant in East End.

GET CABLE TELLING OF LAKE BOAT FEAT

Undersea Craft Built in Russia From Lake Plans Takes German Steamer.

Bridgeport was favored with the presence of a notable gathering of naval officers who arrived here from New London, Conn., on a tour of inspection of the submarine plants where government work is now progressing.

Among those who came by train and left shortly after noon were Admiral Grant, Commander in Chief of the Submarine Division of the Navy, Naval Constructor Land, Admiral Fletcher's Chief Fleet Constructor, Naval Constructor Frank L. LaSalle, Inspector of Machinery of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, and Lt. Gax.

Taken to the Lake Torpedo Boat company's plant at the foot of Seaview avenue they made minute inspection of the boats and the new yards being erected. They expressed satisfaction at the manner in which development of the plant had been made during the past few years.

Much pleasure was expressed by naval officers and company officials over the receipt of the following cablegram showing the record of the Russian submarine Alligator, built by officers of the Lake company now in this city under the direction of Simon Lake: Petrograd, Oct. 28, 1915, via London.—The Russian official report today contained the following: "In the Baltic Sea our submarine Alligator captured a German steamer near Aland Islands. She was brought into one of our ports."

The Lake company, asked for details of the construction of the Alligator, issued this statement: "The Alligator is one of the four submarine cruisers of the Kalman, Crocodile and Dragon class which were designed by Simon Lake and built by the Lake Torpedo Boat company of New Jersey and Russia."

The vessels when designed were twice the size of anything then laid down. They are of the very latest submergence type and similar to the German and Austrian submarines which operate by means of lateral hydroplanes upon an even keel light superstructure in common with all vessels of the Simon Lake type and this feature makes it possible for them to cruise easily as commerce destroyers. This is the first incident where a submarine has so acted.

Eric Ekland, now superintendent of machinery at the Lake plant, and E. C. Gallagher, chief electrical engineer of the Lake company, installed the American made machinery in the Alligator and ran the craft in her first trials in Russia.

The Alligator was finished and tried when the present chairman of the Lake company, F. B. Whitney, was the director general of the submarine department of the New Admiralty Shipyard at St. Petersburg.

It is understood the Russians handle the craft perfectly and that the four Kalman class cruiser submarines, are part of the main defense of the waters adjacent to St. Petersburg.

MORGAN, VICTIM OF APPENDICITIS, IS OPERATED ON

New York, Oct. 29.—J. P. Morgan underwent an operation for appendicitis at his country home at Glen Cove, L. I., today. The operation was reported successful and Mr. Morgan is resting comfortably.

HARTFORD GIRLS READY TO STRIKE TOMORROW

Hartford, Oct. 29.—Girls employed by the Arrow Electric company served notice on the officials today that they would go on strike at 10 o'clock Saturday, their demands for eight hours and readjustment of working conditions having been refused. The company employs about 300 hands, of which 200 are women and girls. Central Labor Union officials declare that many of the men in the factory will strike in sympathy.

Hamilton, O., Oct. 29.—About 500 machinists employed at the Niles Tool Works of this city, a branch of the Niles-Bement-Pond company, walked out today when their demand for an eight hour day with no reduction of pay was refused. There now are more than 1,100 machinists on strike in this city.

ASKS TO BE "EXCUSED" FOR HANGING HIMSELF

Greenwich, Conn., Oct. 29.—Alexander Forman, 68 years old, committed suicide in East Portchester late yesterday by hanging in a vacant lot in the Byram Crest Park district. A note found on the body read: "Excuse me, people, for what I have done."

He is survived by a daughter.

GETS TURKISH POST

London, Oct. 29.—A despatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says that Prof. Asaghofo Ahmed Bey of Constantinople University, has been appointed Turkish minister of education.

KING GEORGE THROWN BY HORSE AT REVIEW AND SEVERELY INJURED

JUDGE HENNEY'S AID SOUGHT FOR RAILROAD GRAB

Letter to Hartford Lawyer Asked Him to Fight Opposition Bill.

BRIDGEPORT NAMES BROUGHT INTO CASE

Proposition to Build Draw-bridge Here Opposed By "Seeley"

New York, Oct. 29.—At the outset of today's session of the trial of the 11 former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad under the Sherman anti-trust law, Chas. S. Mellen obtained permission to make a statement in regard to the documentary testimony introduced by the government yesterday relative to the political activities entered into in behalf of the road by John M. Hall. This was in the form of letters written to Hall.

"I want it to be known," said Mr. Mellen, "that I mostly identified the signatures to these letters. I had not the remotest idea of their existence until yesterday. I was surprised to discover that I had been for 10 years within reaching distance of these letter press copy books and was not blown up. I had no connection with these matters, directly or indirectly."

"And did you ever hear," asked R. V. Lindabury, of counsel for the defense, "of their coming to the knowledge of any director?"

"I never had occasion to refer to them nor do I know of any officer or director that did," Mr. Mellen replied when objection by the government had been overruled.

The alleged activities of Hall had to do with providing a defense against the proposed New Haven through petition by the legislatures of Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Mr. Mellen, who had been on the stand for seven days, was then temporarily excused the defense and announced that they would not re-examine him at this time. He was asked, however, by the attorneys for the government to remain in the court until a possible identification of more documentary evidence.

The government then proceeded to read more letters from Hall taken from a copy book previously admitted in evidence. In one, dated April 23, 1897, Hall wrote to Judge William F. Henney, a Hartford attorney, asking him to oppose a proposition by the Connecticut Western Railroad to issue bonds. "Hall wanted Henney to appear before a committee of the legislature where the application of the road was to be heard."

"I wish you'd undertake to appear against this scheme of building," the letter read. "I desire to beat this bill if possible. One of the defense attorneys, Robbins and Connet, the best scheme possible."

Hall advised that Henney get local witnesses to testify against the undertaking of the road, as well as anything else he could do. "I desire to beat this bill if possible. One of the defense attorneys, Robbins and Connet, the best scheme possible."

In May, 1897, Hall wrote to Henry C. Robbins, then a director of the New Haven, who according to letters introduced yesterday, "had charge of matters around the capitol."

The letter revealed that Henney's efforts had been fruitless. A letter written by Hall in March, 1901, to William D. Bishop, then secretary of the New Haven, in regard to the proposed erection of a draw-bridge in Bridgeport harbor read in part as follows:

"I have heard from several quarters that Mr. Seeley is against us on the proposition as well as anything else. I have been told that his sympathies are all with the Connecticut Western in this matter. x x x Of course I may be mistaken. Before his election he told me that we need have no fear of him in any of our matters and we should find that he would not do anything against the New Haven. If I had supposed he would, another party could have had the nomination easily and he would not have been in the position he is now."

It was not brought out what political position was held by Mr. Seeley.

BRITISH REQUISITION SHIPS

New York, Oct. 29.—According to private information in shipping circles here the British government has requisitioned 15 steamers of the Nelson line for the transport of refrigerated products from Argentine and Uruguay.

BRITISH LOSSES DURING WAR ARE ALMOST 500,000

Latest Figures Show That Number of Casualties is Increasing.

BATTLE IN FRANCE TAKES LARGE TOLL

Bulgars and Teutons Finish First Step in Balkan Campaign.

London, Oct. 29.—British casualties from the beginning of the war to Oct. 9, were 493,294.

British casualties up to August 21, as given officially on September 14, were 281,983. This shows a total between that time and Oct. 9 of 111,311, or a daily average of 2,271. Losses between June 9 and August 21 averaged about 1,500 daily. The marked increase in the fall over the summer losses may be accounted for primarily by the heavy fighting on the western front at the time of the recent last month.

TEUTONS AND BULGARS COMPLETE FIRST MOVE

London, Oct. 29.—The first phase of the American-German-Bulgarian campaign in Serbia is completed. Not only have the invaders of Serbia realized the important objective of joining hands in the northeastern corner of the country but they have enhanced this military advantage by procuring free passage from the Danube.

A flotilla of steamers is said to be already waiting to transport war material and it, as stated confidently by Austro-German and Bulgarian leaders, Serbia cannot interfere with these arrangements. Bulgarians ammunition shortage should soon be relieved and her offensive power greatly strengthened.

The progress of Bulgarian troops east and northeast of Nish both threatened the city and placed the Serbian army in a position of increased danger. Moreover, like the union of Bulgarian and Teutonic armies, further north, the capture of Nish would have more than mere military importance. It would mean a broad curve northeast almost to the Danube at Kladovo, where it joins the right wing of the Bulgarians.

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MEXICAN OUTLAW BANDS MAKE TWO RAIDS ON TROOPS

Brownsville, Tex., Oct. 29.—Bandits early today made two attacks upon a half company of United States infantry stationed at Capote, a village about 65 miles up the Rio Grande from here. No casualties were reported in either side.

SOCIALISTS ELECT PLUNKETT SECRETARY

Derby, Oct. 29.—The election of Martin F. Plunkett of Wallingford, as state secretary of the Socialists in succession to Samuel E. Beardsley, of Shelton, was announced from Socialist headquarters here today. Mr. Beardsley, who has been secretary, resigned to become an instructor in the Rand School of Social Science in New York and since his notice of retirement a referendum vote has been in progress throughout the state for his successor. It was stated today that while the voting will not end until tomorrow, only a few small places were to be heard from and the returns now in give Plunkett the election by a large majority.

BURNED BY POTASH

George Waller of 318 Pembroke street suffered painful burns on both hands when a quantity of potash which he was placing in a battery at the plant of the Tait Manufacturing Company, spilled over him at 4 o'clock yesterday. Waller is employed by the Bridgeport Auxiliary Company. He was taken to the Emergency hospital where the burns were treated and then sent to his home.

British Ruler Badly Bruised When His Horse Rears and Flings Him From Saddle—Will Be Confined to Bed Because of His Injuries—Cheers of Troops Excite Mount Which Rears and Plunges, Unseating Monarch.

London, Oct. 29.—While reviewing his army in the field in France yesterday, King George V of England was seriously injured.

His horse became frightened at the cheering of the troops and reared. The king was thrown and severely bruised.

His injuries are such that he will be confined to his bed for several days.

Official confirmation of the accident to the King was given today in the following official announcement here: "While the King this morning (Thursday) was inspecting his army in the field, his horse, excited by the cheers of the troops, reared up and fell. The King was bruised severely and will be confined to bed for the present."

The announcement is signed by Arthur Sloggett, Anthony Bowlby, Bertrand Dawson, Wilmot Herringham, Cutsbert Wallace.

A later bulletin under today's date says: "The King has had a fair night with some sleep. The temperature is now 99.2 and pulse 72. His Majesty's general condition has improved and no complication has arisen." (Signed) Anthony Bowlby, Bertrand Dawson.

It is understood that the accident to the King was not serious although no details have been made public beyond those disclosed in the official announcement.

Announcement was made on Monday that King George was in France, having gone to visit the British army. On Tuesday the King, with the Prince of Wales, President Poincare and the then French war minister, Alexandre Millerand, reviewed the British troops. He then called on General Joffre and witnessed a review of French Colonial troops.

LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN VIVIANI CAUSED FRENCH CABINET TO QUIT POSTS

Paris, Oct. 29.—President Poincare today received the formal collective resignation of the entire Viviani ministry, giving official form to the decision of the cabinet yesterday to retire. The President requested Aristide Briand to form a new cabinet.

At a meeting held in the foreign office this morning under the presidency of M. Viviani, the decision was reached to submit the resignations collectively. M. Briand immediately took up the work of forming a new ministry, which already was well advanced at the resignation of President Poincare's formal request.

M. Briand's first conference brought together former President Combes, Leon Bourgeois and Jules Milin. Denys Cochin, Ribot, Marcel Zemmelen and Jules Guesde, members of the present cabinet and Etienne Clementel and Prof. Paul Hainlevie, all of whom were expected to figure in the personnel of the new ministry, together with other prominent leaders who did not attend the conference.

JAPAN ACCEPTS TREATY AGAINST SEPARATE PEACE

London, Oct. 29.—Japan has become a party to the agreement not to conclude a separate peace.

Official announcement to this effect was made here.

Stephen Yansick, Not John C. Yansick, Was Target of Lawyer

Through inadvertence the news articles of Thursday mentioned the name of John C. Yansick, the well known musician and insurance agent of 450 Bunnell street, as receiving the condemnation of Attorney Abraham Geduldig after a hearing before Judge Miller in the Probate court. The person referred to is Stephen Yansick.

Stephen Yansick is a man of estimable qualities and in no way deserving of the charges made by Attorney Geduldig the correction is gladly made.

FRENCH SENATE ADJOURNS

Paris, Oct. 29.—The French senate and chamber of deputies met as usual today, but immediately adjourned until tomorrow pending the definite formation of the Briand ministry.

ARMY CO. GUARDS ARRESTED

Michael Kelly, alias "Big Mike," of 784 Hallett street, and Martin Homan of the same address, both guards at the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. plant on Bond street, were removed from a trolley car in front of police headquarters and locked up on a charge of drunkenness and creating a disturbance on the trolley car. "Big Mike" insisted on singing a few songs on the trolley car and when the conductor endeavored to restrain him a fight ensued. Both were locked up.